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- (a) With the written approval of the State Archivist, the head of a unit of the State government or of a unit of a county or municipal corporation may destroy original material that has been photographed, photocopied, or microphotographed if:
- (1) the head offers the original material to the Archives, but the Archives declines to accept;
- (2) the copy is made in a manner that meets the standard of quality of the Archives for permanent photographic records;
  - (3) the copy is placed in an adequately accessible container; and
  - (4) provisions are made:
- (i) for the preservation, examination, and use of the copy in a manner that the Archives approves; and
- (ii) as to a record that a statute otherwise expressly requires to be kept permanently, for the copy to be available, on request, in the same manner as the original material.
- (b) (1) After materials are destroyed under this section, the head of the unit shall send to the Archives:
  - (i) a list of the materials that were destroyed; and
  - (ii) a certificate of destruction.
- (2) The State Archivist shall keep each list of the materials destroyed under this section. The list shall be available for public inspection at reasonable times.

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